IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3 and 9 and cancel claims 1, 2 and 37-50 without prejudice or admission as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous listings and versions of claims.

1. - 2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A semiautomatic handgun comprising: a frame; a barrel mounted on the frame and having a chamber for receiving a cartridge, a peripheral wall portion extending from the chamber, a cylindrical portion forming a front terminal end of the barrel, and a conical portion disposed between and contiguous with each of the peripheral wall portion and the cylindrical portion; a slide mounted on the frame and over the barrel and longitudinally movable relative to the frame and the barrel; a firing mechanism for striking the cartridge; and a trigger for releasing the firing mechanism; wherein ~~according to claim 1; wherein~~ the semiautomatic handgun has a length of about 5.05 inches, a height of about 4.04 inches, and a thickness of about 0.812 inches.

4. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 3; wherein the semiautomatic handgun is a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

5. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 4; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight of about 12.9 ounces.

6. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 3; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight in the range of about 12.0 to 12.5 ounces.

7. - 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended) A semiautomatic handgun comprising: a frame; a barrel mounted on the frame and having a chamber for receiving a cartridge, a peripheral wall portion extending from the chamber, a cylindrical portion forming a front terminal end of the barrel, and a conical portion disposed between and contiguous with each of the peripheral wall portion and the cylindrical portion; a slide mounted on the frame and over the barrel and longitudinally movable relative to the frame and the barrel; a firing mechanism for striking the cartridge; and a trigger for releasing the firing mechanism; wherein ~~according to claim 1; wherein~~ the firing mechanism comprises a firing pin, and the trigger is pivotally mounted on the frame for movement between a rest position and a depressed position; and further comprising a hammer pivotally mounted on the frame in spaced relation to the trigger for driving the firing pin to strike the cartridge, a trigger bar pivotally connected to the trigger and extending

into operative relation with the hammer for cocking the hammer when the trigger is moved to the depressed position, and a biasing member having a first end connected to the frame and a second end connected to the trigger bar for biasing the trigger bar in a direction into operative relationship with the hammer and in a direction for returning the trigger to the rest position from the depressed position.

10. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 9; wherein the frame has a first boss and a second boss adjacent the first boss; and wherein the biasing member comprises a torsion spring having a first loop portion encircling the first boss of the frame, a second loop portion extending from the first loop portion at the first end of the torsion spring and resting on the second boss of the frame, at least one coil, and a foot portion connected to the coil at the second end of the torsion spring and connected to the trigger bar.

11. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 10; wherein the torsion spring has a first arm connecting the coil to the foot portion and a second arm connecting the coil to the first loop portion.

12. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 10; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has a length in the range of about 4.9 to 5.2 inches, a height in the range of about 3.9 to 4.1 inches, and a thickness in the range of about 0.75 to 0.82 inches.

13. - 20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun comprising: a frame; a trigger pivotally mounted on the frame for movement between a rest position and a depressed position; a hammer pivotally mounted on the frame in spaced relation to the trigger; a trigger bar pivotally connected to the trigger and extending into operative relation with the hammer for cocking the hammer when the trigger is moved to the depressed position; and a biasing member having a first end connected to the frame and a second end connected to the trigger bar for biasing the trigger bar in a direction into operative relationship with the hammer and in a direction for returning the trigger to the rest position from the depressed position; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has a length of about 4.7 inches, a height of about 3.6 inches, and a thickness of about 0.94 inches.

22. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 21; wherein the semiautomatic handgun is a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

23. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 22; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight of about 12.3 ounces.

24. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 21; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight in the range of about 12.0 to 12.5 ounces.

25. - 26. (canceled).

27. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun comprising: a frame having a forward end, a rear end, a first locating recess disposed between the forward end and the rear end, and a second locating recess disposed at the rear end; a trigger pivotally mounted in the first locating recess of the frame for movement between a rest position and a depressed position; a hammer pivotally mounted in the second locating recess of the frame; a trigger bar pivotally connected to the trigger and movable in a first direction toward the first locating recess of the frame in response to depression of the trigger to operatively engage the hammer for cocking the hammer; a biasing member for biasing the trigger bar in a second direction away from the first locating recess and into operative relationship with the hammer and for returning the trigger to the rest position from the depressed position; and a deflector for deflecting the trigger bar in a direction generally transverse to the first and second directions when

the trigger is returned by the biasing member to the rest position from the depressed position; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has a length of about 4.7 inches, a height of about 3.6 inches, and a thickness of about 0.94 inches.

28. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 27; wherein the semiautomatic handgun is a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

29. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 28; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight of about 12.3 ounces.

30. (previously presented) A semiautomatic handgun according to claim 27; wherein the semiautomatic handgun has an unloaded weight in the range of about 12.0 to 12.5 ounces.

31. - 50. (canceled).